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2. The Schwalbe program provides for the construction of 21 armed coastal vessels (Kuestenschutzboot) in 1955 and of 40 of the same vessels in 1956. Each vessel is to be about 32 meters long and is to have two Diesel motors of 400 h.p. each. Each vessel is to be equipped with several machine-gun stands and with twin AA guns of Soviet type (caliber about 3.4 cm.) to be placed in the bow and the stern of the vessel.

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3. The motors for the vessels will be delivered by VEB Schwermaschinenbau Karl Mackenrodt (formerly Buckau-Wolf), Magdeburg.

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